



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 2

DATE: October 20, 2024

TO: Transportation Authority Board: Commissioners Mandelman (Chair), Melgar (Vice Chair), Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, and Walton

FROM: Tilly Chang – Executive Director

SUBJECT: 10/22/2024 Board Meeting: Executive Director’s Report – **INFORMATION**

FEDERAL, STATE, AND REGIONAL ISSUES

Final MTC Select Committee Meeting Recap – Regional Transportation Measure Discussions Continue.

Yesterday, MTC held its last of five Select Committee meetings where they voted on key elements of a regional transportation revenue measure framework to advance for further review by Commissioners. MTC staff provided presentations on four measure scenarios and SFMTA provided a presentation on a new transit operator-led scenario, which was generally well-received. At the end of the meeting, the Select Committee and Commissioners voted to move forward several recommendations to the Commission for further review. Some of those key recommendations include: 1) there should be dedicated funding for transit transformation, which includes initiatives like regional wayfinding signage, fare integration, and transit priority; 2) all scenarios, including the SFMTA/transit operators coordinated proposal, should advance and should include at least the four counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo, 3) sales, payroll and parcel taxes should be explored and polled, 4) and there should be language allowing for a citizen initiative. Each of these recommendations will advance to the MTC Legislation Committee next month for further comment before going to a special full Commission meeting on December 9 for action. Recommendations from the December meeting will be used to inform potential bill language to be introduced at the beginning of the 2025 legislative session. We are very thankful to Commissioner Jim Spering for his work in chairing the Select Committee and to MTC staff for all of their hard work building consensus for the region throughout this process.

Muni Funding Working Group – Second Meeting Focuses on Efficiency Improvements.

On October 17th Legislative Aides Calvin Ho (Mandelman) and Emma Heiken (Melgar), and I attended the second meeting of the Muni Funding Working Group which is being co-led by SFMTA and the Controller’s office. The agenda focused on discussing potential efficiency improvements agencywide that could reduce operating costs to help shrink the projected deficits. Examples include increasing transit priority (Muni Forward) on city streets, expanding HOV lanes on state highways to speed up bus travel times, and mailing parking citations to the registered address of the vehicle rather than placing them on the windshield. The next meeting on October 24th will continue the discussion about efficiency improvements. Future meeting topics will cover revenue enhancements, service enhancements, and



service cuts. SFMTA expects to wrap up the working group in early 2025. Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and reference materials are available at www.sf.gov/muni-funding-working-group.

Transportation Authority Weighs in on CPUC and CA DMV AV Draft Regulations. The Transportation Authority provided comments to the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regarding both agencies' proposed changes to their respective regulations of Autonomous Vehicles (AVs). Both proposed regulations aim to close regulatory gaps in data reporting, permitting, and remote assistance protocols, among others, and reflect the impact of ongoing advocacy efforts by the Transportation Authority and SFMTA. Additional steps are still necessary for the adoption of both sets of proposed regulations. We will keep the board updated on the outcomes of both rulemakings.

LOCAL ISSUES

Walk and Roll to School - Week October 7 to 11. On October 9, I joined WalkSF, SFMTA, and our partners with Safe Routes to School to celebrate Walk and Roll to School Week at Dianne Feinstein Elementary. The annual event celebrates people-powered ways to get to school that are good for our health, climate, and communities. October also celebrates National Pedestrian Safety Month, which is a time to raise awareness and promote safety for pedestrians. The Transportation Authority funds many pedestrian safety programs each year through the voter-approved sales tax, including the Vision Zero Quick-Build program, Safe Routes to School, and more.

MTC/BATA and Transportation Authority Hold Outreach Events for Multimodal Bay Skyway Project. The Transportation Authority's Communications team joined the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) for two outreach events in late September to inform the community about the Multimodal Bay Skyway project. The Multimodal Bay Skyway is a 7.5-mile-long bicycle highway that will run along the Bay Bridge corridor connecting West Oakland and downtown San Francisco. The team engaged with approximately 270 community members on September 21 at the Ferry Building Farmers Market and on September 28 at the TreasureFest on Treasure Island. Using boards, maps, fact sheets and surveys, the team shared project details and benefits and answered questions from the community. The Multimodal Bay Skyway will improve local and regional connectivity for travelers of all modes by better linking West Oakland to Treasure Island. In October, we anticipate bringing multiple funding items and an award of design contracts for the portion of the Multimodal Bay Skyway that is located on Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands. The Phase 1 project is planned to be completed by early 2029, pending funding availability.

PROJECT DELIVERY

BART Continues Installation of New Fare Gates, Escalators at San Francisco Stations. Supported by \$12.5 million in Prop L sales tax matching funds, BART has completed installation of Next Generation fare gates at Civic Center, 24th Street, and 16th Street Station. Funded separately, BART will continue work at SFO Station this month. The new fare gates are designed to improve accessibility, reliability, and



maintainability and to deter fare evasion at each BART station. Since pilot installation at first station, ridership has grown 6% more year-over-year at the set of stations with new fare gates as compared to systemwide growth. BART staff anticipate that all BART stations systemwide will have new fare gates by the end of 2025. BART also completed installing an escalator at Embarcadero Station and continues to work on other escalators at the station. BART's voter approved Measure RR is supporting the escalator improvements.

Quick Build Update - Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Quick-Build Project Starts Construction. Earlier this month, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), began construction of the Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Quick-Build Project, which extends from McAllister Street to Grove Street by City Hall. The project includes a parking-protected bike lane in both directions, parking changes, increased passenger loading capacity at San Francisco City Hall, and protected corner treatments to reduce conflicts between right turning vehicles and bicycles. The project is funded by Transportation Authority sales tax and TNC Tax funds. Learn more about this project and other quick-builds citywide at [SFMTA.com/QuickBuild](https://sfmta.com/QuickBuild).

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

California Assembly - Assemblymember Phil Ting Celebrates His Final Term. I want to recognize Assemblymember Ting's twelve years of service representing District 19 in San Francisco, assuming office on December 3, 2012. For more than a decade, he has carried legislation for the betterment of San Francisco and the state, and secured funding support important San Francisco projects, including major funding for the Geneva Muni Light Rail car barn, \$1.63 million for the Fulton Street Safety and Transit Project and \$1.2 million for new traffic signals at Sloat Boulevard and Skyline Boulevard. Assemblymember Ting also helped pass historic funding legislation including Senate Bill 1, California's gas tax increase that funds a range of capital improvements, Assembly Bill (AB) 1184 authorizing San Francisco's TNC tax, and AB 1171 to advance AV enforcement. Finally, Assemblymember Ting served as Budget Chair where he helped secure much needed funding for transit, and he championed affordability policies for bridge toll payers. I wholeheartedly thank the Assemblymember for his years of work benefitting San Franciscans and Californians for generations to come.

Celebrating Sherry Williams' 30 years at One Treasure Island. Commissioner Dorsey, and several members of our staff attended the 30th Anniversary gala for One Treasure Island last week where the OTI community recognized Executive Director Sherry Williams for her 30 years of leadership upon her retirement. Sherry has worked tirelessly to serve the Treasure Island community, building a food pantry, creating job training programs, and bringing affordable housing to the island. She has been a valuable partner to both the Transportation Authority and TIMMA, supporting our work and facilitating outreach to the community, and we are honored to have partnered with Sherry over the years on SFCTA and TIMMA initiatives. Commissioner Dorsey expressed his admiration for Sherry and joined the Mayor in proclaiming October 17, 2024, Sherry Williams Day. We wish Sherry the best in her next chapter and look forward to working with Nella Goncalves as One Treasure Island's new Executive Director.



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CMAA 2024 Golden Key Awarded to Deputy Director for Capital Projects Carl Holmes. We are proud to announce that the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) has awarded the 2024 Golden Key Award to our very own Carl Holmes, Deputy Director for Capital Projects. The CMAA Golden Key Award recognizes and celebrates individual members with a record of service and contribution to the growth and development of CMAA or the CMAA Foundation over a period of at least five years and whose contributions have advanced the vision, mission, and values of CMAA or the CMAA Foundation. Carl's leadership on various capital projects include, but are not limited to overseeing delivery of the award-winning YBI I-80/Southgate Road Interchange and Realignment Project, YBI West Side Bridges Project, and YBI Hillcrest Road Improvement Project. We are thrilled to congratulate him for this achievement!